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(Original Application - Joint Inventors - No Priority Claimed)**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated near our names below; that we are joint inventors and we believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

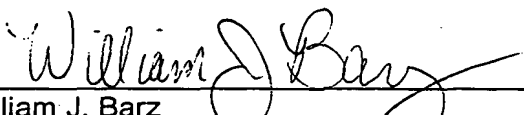
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which is described and claimed in application serial no. 09/655,965 filed September 6, 2000; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment; that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows: NONE.

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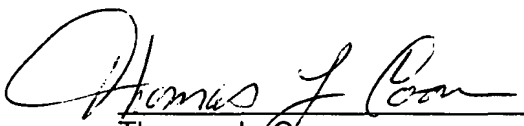


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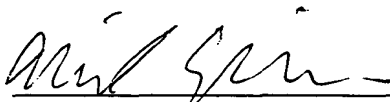
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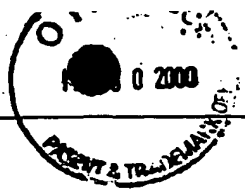
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(Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS, We, William J. Barz, Thomas L. Coon and Michael J. Czaplicki (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 5455 Marsh View Ct., #46, Shelby Twp., Michigan 48316, 3284 Merwin, Lapeer, Michigan 48446 and 1035 Pointe Place, Rochester, Michigan 48307, have invented new and useful improvements in:

STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES

which is set forth in Patent Application Serial No. 09/502,686, filed on February 11, 2000 in the United States;

AND WHEREAS, L&L Products, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of 159 McLean Drive, Romeo, Michigan 48065, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at
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William J. Barz
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Before me personally appeared said William J. Barz, and acknowledged the foregoing
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at
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